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1. IN HIS CONCLUDING STATEMENTS TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BEFORE FINAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAMBER JULY 20, PRIMIN RUMOR OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTARY ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY. RUMOR'S REMARKS AMPLIFY EARLIER FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT REPORTED PARA 3 REFTTEL:

2. ON U.S.-EUROPEAN-ITALIAN TIES: QTE. WE SEE NO ANTITHESIS BETWEEN THE EMERGENCE OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY ON ONE HAND AND THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE OTHER OF A RECIPROCALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EEC. WE CONSIDER THESE FACTORS TO BE COMPLEMENTARY - BOTH INTEGRAL PARTS OF THAT EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EQUALS THAT WE WANT TO SEE DEVELOP BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. NOR WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK DO WE SEE ANY ANTITHESIS, WHICH HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTIONED, BETWEEN THE AUTONOMY OF EUROPE AND ITS DEFENSE.

BOTH ARE INDISPENSABLE AND BOTH ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN
COLLABORATION WHICH PERMITS THE FULL AND NECESSARY INSERTION
OF EUROPE IN THE MULTI-POLAR EQUILIBRIUM OF THE '70'S.
UNQTE (TO SENATE, JULY 18).

3. ON THE U.S. , DETENTE AND EUROPE: QTE. IN REALITY, THE
RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND USSR OFFERS TO WESTERN
EUROPE NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR EXERCISING ITS INFLUENCE ON
DETENTE.....BUT, TO ASSUME THE AUTONOMY NECESSARY FOR SUCH
A ROLE DOES NOT MEAN THAT EUROPE... SHOULD WEAKEN OR BREAK ITS
TIES OF COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHICH CONSTITUTE
THE INDISPENSABLE BASIS FOR ANY EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARD THE
EAST, JUST AS THE ALLIANCE WITH WESTERN EUROPE CONSTITUTES
FOR THE U.S. AN INDISPENSABLE POLITICAL BACKDROP TO ANY
REALISTIC NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW...AUTONOMY MUST NOT
BECOME THE ALIBI FOR A PROCESS OF ALIENATION WITHIN THAT
ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY WHICH CONTINUES TO BE THE FUNDAMENTAL
PROTECTION FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY AND OF INTERNATIONAL
STABILITY. UNQTE (TO CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, JULY 20).VOLPE

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